

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-5 (cancelled)

Claim 6 (previously presented): A communications system, comprising:

a plurality of vehicles;

a plurality of web cameras, each of said cameras being disposed in one of said vehicles and being active when the vehicle is running;

means for transmitting information from said vehicles via a wireless network, said transmitted information including video information from said web cameras;

a server for receiving the video information and displaying a plurality of images; and

further comprising means for turning said web camera off when said vehicle is within a predetermined distance of a location designated by the vehicle's owner.

Claim 7 (original): The communications system according to claim 6, wherein said server displays a predetermined image in place of said web camera video when said web camera is turned off.

Claim 8 (cancelled)

Claim 9 (cancelled)

Claim 10 (previously presented): The communications system according to claim 6, further comprising means for determining said vehicles' locations and wherein said transmitted information includes information on said vehicles' locations.

Claim 11 (currently amended) A communications system, comprising:

a plurality of vehicles;

a plurality of web cameras, each of said cameras being disposed in one of said vehicles and being active when the vehicle is running;

means for transmitting information from said vehicles via a wireless network, said transmitted information including video information from said web cameras and an identifier for each of said web cams and wherein said transmitted information includes an identifier for each of said vehicle web cams;

means for determining said vehicles' locations and wherein said transmitted information includes information on said vehicles' locations;

a server for receiving the video information and providing a plurality of images for viewing by a plurality of communication system users wherein said server is operable to display the location and identifier for each web cam; and

~~The communications system according to claim 9, further comprising means for turning said web camera off when said vehicle is within a predetermined distance of a location designated by the vehicle's owner.~~

Claim 12 (currently amended): A method for collecting, organizing, and displaying

video information from a plurality of sources, comprising the steps of:

providing a plurality of web cams, each of said web cams being disposed in a vehicle and being operable only when said vehicle is operating and being operable to communicate video information;

transmitting said video information from each of said web cams, via a wireless network, to a server;

collecting and organizing the transmitted video information;

collecting further information specific to said vehicle and said vehicle web cam, said further information comprising: vehicle location, vehicle speed, and camera orientation;

transmitting said further information to said server; and

displaying the collected and organized video information together with said further information on a web page.

Claim 13 (cancelled):

Claim 14 (cancelled):

Claim 15 (original): The method according to claim 14, comprising the further steps of:

inputting user-selected parameters for desired web camera displays;

searching said further information to determine which of said web cams satisfy said user-selected parameters; and,

permitting display of video information from said web cams satisfying said

user-selected parameters.

Claim 16 (original): The method according to claim 12, comprising the further steps of:

- associating an individual identifier with each web cam;
- transmitting said individual identifier to the server together with said video information;
- permitting a user to search for a desired individual identifier such that video information from the web cam having said individual identifier is displayed.

Claim 17 (original): The method according to claim 14, comprising the further steps of:

- searching said further information to identify vehicles in a desired geographic location and,
- displaying video information from web cams in said desired geographic location.

Claim 18 (original): The method according to claim 14, comprising the further steps of:

- inputting a first geographic location and a second geographic location;
- searching said further information to identify vehicles in a desired range of geographic locations between the first geographic location and the second geographic location,
- organizing the video information corresponding to said identified vehicles;

and,

displaying said video information such that the video information is shown sequentially from said first geographic location to said second geographic location.

Claims 19 - 21 (cancelled)

Claim 22 (previously presented): A communications system comprising:

- a plurality of mobile web cams;
- means for transmitting information from said web cams;
- means for searching said transmitted information to find video information corresponding to desired parameters, wherein optical searching is performed on said transmitted information to locate video information containing desired information; and
- means for displaying said video information.

Claim 23 (original): The communications system according to claim 22, wherein locations of web cams having desired video information are displayed for the user's convenience.

Claim 24 (original): The communications system according to claim 23, wherein the user may select a geographic area in which the optical searching of web cam transmitted information is to be performed.

Claim 25 (currently amended): A communications system, comprising:

a plurality of mobile web cams;

means for transmitting information from said web cams via a wireless network, said transmitted information including video information from said web cameras; and

a server for receiving the video information and making the information accessible to a plurality of display sources wherein said server further classifies said video information in public information accessible to all of said plurality of display sources and private information accessible to only a selected number of said plurality of display sources.

Claim 26 (cancelled)

Claim 27 (currently amended): A communications system, comprising:

a plurality of vehicles,

a plurality of web cameras, each of said cameras being disposed in one of said vehicles and being active when the vehicle is running~~The communications system according to claim 1~~ wherein said plurality of web cameras are directed toward areas outside said vehicle-;

means for transmitting information from said vehicles via a wireless network, said transmitted information including video information from said web cameras and an identifier for each of said web cams; and

a server for receiving the video information and providing a plurality of images for viewing by a plurality of communication system users.

Claim 28 (currently amended): The communications system of claim 2625 wherein said private information is accessible to display sources using a correct access code.

Claim 29 (previously presented): The communications system according to claim 28 wherein said plurality of web cams are directed toward areas outside said vehicle.

Claim 30 (new): The communications system of claim 22 wherein said plurality of web cams are forward facing web cams.